(b) whether the Union Government have decided to develop Ajmer and Pushkar as the tourist places of international importance;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of domestic and international tourists who visited Ajmer and Pushkar during each of the last three years and the earnings made therefrom; and

(e) the details of the future plans of the Government regarding the development of Pushkar and Ajmer from tourism point of view and the amount earmarked for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (c) and (e) Development and promotion of places of tourist is primarily the responsibility of the State/Union Territory Governments concerned. However, the Deptt. of Tourism, Government of India on receipt of specific proposals based on merit, inter se priority and availability of funds, provides Central financial assistance for such developments. In Ajmer and Puskhar the following projects have been sanctioned by the Government of India :-

Year	Project	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1990-91	Tourist Accommodation at Pushkar	7.10
1991-92	Yatrika at Ajmer	26.99
1992-93	Pilgrim sheds at Vishram Sthali, Ajmer	34.66
1993-94	Public conveniences at Vishram Sthali, Ajmer	8.48
	Total	77.23

Apart from this contribution, the Central Department of Tourism through its tourist offices overseas has projected Pushkar and Ajmer in the world tourist market, through promotional and publicity tools which include brochures, films, etc.

(d) As per information received, the details of arrivals of tourists at Ajmer and Pushkar during the last 3 years are as follows :-

Year	Ajmer		Pushkar	
	Domestic	Foreign	Domestic	Foreign
1993	478977	10326	654827	18863
1994	423912	46024	505357	14710
1995	501476	47651	662699	26719

No separate information on earnings made at each tourist centre is available.

[English]

Vanaspati Production

5514. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the names of vanaspati manufacturers alongwith their prescribed quota of production, State-wise;

(b) the quantity of vanaspati produced by these manufacturers during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the names of vanaspati manufacturers who have produced vanaspati more than their prescribed quota, State-wise;

(d) whether this kind of excess production is permissible under the Essential Commodities Act;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the action taken by the Government against each of the manufacturer for violation of provisions of the Act;

(g) whether this type of restriction, if any, on excess production, in the said Act creates scarcity of vanaspati in the country; and

(h) if so, the reasons for not removing such restrictions?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (h) No quota has been prescribed either on State-wise or manufacturing unit-wise basis under the Vegetable Oil Product Control Order issued under the Essential Commodities Act. The vanaspati industry has been delicensed with effect from July 25, 1991. The average capacity utilisation of the vegetable oil industry is already less than 40% of the total installed capacity in the country. Hence, the question of excess production does not arise and no consequential action under the Essential Commodities Act against the manufacturers is called for.

[Translation]

National Mineral Development Corporation

5515. SHRIMATI CHHABILA ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the mines of National Mineral Development Corporation, location-wise;